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IMAGE OUTPUT DEVICE, AND  
IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of which are attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicant submits these references in compliance with his duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and to acknowledge such consideration by initialing the attached PTO Form 1449 at the appropriate locations.

The information listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 was cited in a communication in a counterpart international application. For the Examiner's use and information, a copy of the pertinent portion of the International Search Report (ISR) in the counterpart international application is attached. References L to Q and L-1 to O-1 are in Japanese. The relevance of these references can be ascertained by reviewing References R to W and R-1 to U-1, which are English abstracts of References L to Q and L-1 to O-1, respectively. In addition, computer-generated English translations of References P, Q, L-1, N-1, and O-1 are attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed before the first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fees are due in connection with the filing of this IDS. In the event fees are due to effect consideration of the listed references, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP178).

Respectfully submitted,  
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